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Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment

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NOTE FOR: The Director

Attached is a response to Jim Schlesinger's letter expressing concern over the Community's focus on foreign energy intelligence. It has been coordinated with DD/RM and DD/CT. We should discuss this subject in more detail with him early next year to make sure that his concerns have been substantially relieved through DoE's participation in the PRC(I) review of the NITs and the DCID 1/2 Working Group.

Robert R. Bowie

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N.B. A copy of the revised NITs was sent to Secretary Schlesinger on 15 December for his review.

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The Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D.C. 20505

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The Honorable James R. Schlesinger
The Secretary of Energy
Department of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Jim:

I have your letter of 11 November regarding the collection, analysis, and production of foreign energy intelligence. (U)

Your first point relates to the priority assigned to such intelligence. As you know, the system for determining priorities for intelligence topics is now reflected primarily in two documents. One is the National Intelligence Topics which are developed by the PRC(I) under Executive Order 12036. These Topics are now undergoing their first review. I hope you will make a full presentation of your needs so that they may be assessed in relation to other requirements and priorities. The other instrument for setting priorities is DCID 1/2 which is prepared under the chairmanship of the Collection Tasking Staff. This establishes the general framework for priorities, especially in the area of collection. As you noted, your staff has been working closely with the DCID 1/2 committee in setting the priorities for collection and intelligence on energy issues for the coming year. (S)

Second, you expressed concern about whether sufficient information is being collected to allow comprehensive analysis of potential developments in foreign energy technologies and energy resources. You are well aware, I am sure, that your Department's normal research and development work should produce a great deal of information about developments in foreign area energy technology. I understand also that DoE is expanding its efforts in this area. We in CIA will continue to provide supplementary information and analysis where we are able to make a unique contribution. Bob Bowie, who is in charge of national foreign assessment, has already had several discussions with John Deutsch on this topic. (U)

Third is the question of coordination of Community efforts relating to energy. The principal focal point for policy level users for intelligence analysis is the National Intelligence Officer for Political Economy, [redacted]. He is responsible for coordinating the efforts of the Community in this field, and regularly seeks feedback on our work throughout the policy community. (U)

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In addition, to help coordinate the use of personnel and contract resources on energy within CIA, we are establishing an Energy Intelligence Steering Board which will be chaired by Maurice Ernst. We would be pleased to have your intelligence component represented on this Board to facilitate close cooperation on energy intelligence collection and production matters. I understand that Maurice has already discussed this matter with Denny Ellerman and that they have tentatively agreed on a course of action. We also plan to establish an interagency energy group drawn from STIC, EIC, and JAEIC in order to improve Community coordination and feedback and to better link the technical with the economic aspects of energy issues. We hope your representative will be able to participate actively in its work. Finally, when the Resource Management Staff completes its study of Community resources being devoted to energy intelligence activities early in 1979, we can discuss the issues involved further. (C)

Yours,



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